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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Cragg et al.
Appl. No. : 09/782,534
Filed : February 13, 2001
For : APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING A DISCECTOMY
THROUGH A TRANS-SACRAL
AXIAL BORE WITHIN THE
VERTEBRAE OF THE SPINE
Examiner : Kathryn Odland
Group Art Unit : 3743

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks regarding the above captioned application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.